

## WOMEN'S LEGION ELECTS OFFICERS AT FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION



The first annual convention of the newly organized Women's Legion of America has just been held in Washington, D. C., electing the following officers—as shown in this new picture. Seated is Mrs. W. C. Hustis, president; standing, left to right, Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the secretary of war; Mrs. Niblack, Mrs. Black, honorary vice presidents, and Miss Byrd Mock, secretary.

## Highly-Prized Coin.

The half cent of 1796 is the rarest of all United States copper coins. According to a treatise on these obsolete coins recently published by a Chicago numismatist, the half cent of 1796, in exemplary condition, has brought as much as \$400 at a public auction sale.

## Not Fast Color.

Human nature is likely to become somewhat overenthusiastic as it presses on in some worthy undertaking and we imagine some of the reds now awaiting the sailing of the next ark aren't much more than pink.—Ohio State Journal.

## Famous Russian Crown.

Probably the most valuable and interesting of all the Russian crowns was the one made in 1702 for Catherine II by Baulze, a celebrated jeweler of the day. Since the time of Catherine this crown has been used at the coronation of all the rulers of Russia.

## Strictly Business.

The candy store woman always gave Lucy an extra piece of candy, saying, "I give you an extra piece for good luck." Lucy walked into the candy store and said, "I can't buy today, but you can give me the extra piece for good luck that you always give me when I buy."

## THE MEXICAN IMBROGLIO

If anything ever fully demonstrated the futility of a people trying to successfully run a Republican form of government without due precaution and proper preparation, it is the case of the Mexican government as it exists at present and as it has existed for many years.

In the first place the people there are too ignorant generally, to understand and appreciate the benefits of correct Republican government, and in the next place, the lands that properly belong to them have been gifted away by selfish, mercenary rulers to land-grabbing speculators, until the people have lost heart, and are little better than bondsmen or slaves and until the agrarian rights that have been denied them are properly adjusted and restored by edict of law, good-bye to the peace, freedom and prosperity of the Mexican people.

Carranza and others of his pilfering clique who have had the political whip in their hands so long, have been the ruin and curse of the country by their constant efforts to hinder foreign capital from operating freely and unhesitatingly in the country, and by enormous and extravagant taxation, thereby hindering the expansion of business and thus the financial and industrial progress and frequent business failures.

Only for these backsetting causes, coupled with the lack of friendly business intercourse with other peoples and countries, Mexico would be one of the richest countries of the world, as few other countries possess the genial climate and the boundless natural resources of wealth that it is her good fortune to enjoy.

We sincerely trust that the present political upheaval going on there, will eventually have a salutary effect on that long and sadly perplexed country, and that the public lands that properly belong to the populace, will, by some legal means, be recovered and managed so that government grants will be accessible to all who care to procure them, as they are in this prosperous and free land of ours.

We have frequently been led to wonder at the senseless, ignorant spite and prejudice that exists so much among the people of Mexico against the people of this country, who have proven time and again, that we are their best and truest friends, and who, if any other nation should try to suppress or subjugate them would be the first to come to their assistance and help to repel their foes.

With a stable, peaceful government, Mexico would be a paradise within its self and a wonderful industrial and business auxiliary to the world at large.

Scheming politicians in Mexico have tried to make the people there think that we are after taking their country from them, whereas our whole history from the beginning, proves conclusively that we seek by purchase only and not by conquest, to extend our power and influence, and that we willingly and gladly extend a helping hand to the down-trodden and oppressed of all nations, whenever and wherever a pressing call for aid presents itself. So we will to Mexico, if we are ever called to legitimately interfere in their behalf.

—J. C.

## Benefit in Joy Giving.

When you once get started in joy giving it's easy to keep it up. The fact that you give joy brings candidates for your magic touch constantly before you. The returning benefits of having given joy keep you supplied with the means of joy giving. So you just direct the ever enlarging stream that through you ministers to your fellows. And your own joy increases with each new expression of your good will. The joy giving habit grows upon you and you would be perfectly miserable without the chance of helping others to happier days. It's real joy.—Grit.

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First Woman Painter Decorated.  
Rosa Bonheur, the famous painter, was the first woman to be decorated with the Belgian order of the Leopold cross.

## Astronomical Mystery.

The stellar universe has a background of pearly white, which always finds the field of a telescope with a faint luminosity, and astronomers are guessing as to whether this shimmering shroud is made of quadrillions of suns, or whether the universe is immersed in nebulous matter. The pearl veil is torn in places, at least a hundred jet black wells of dark space being shown in the constellation Sagittarius and Scorpio. In one of these dark fields is Antares, which is computed to be at a vast distance from the earth, and to have 88,000 times the mass of our sun.

## Impressive Potentates.

In no country in the world will one find a more garish display in the way of dress than in India. Both men and women of the highest rank present the most gorgeous appearance when they are "all dolled up." Magnificent jewels are worn and no royal ruler in other lands can show more magnificent pearls than are worn by some of the potentates of India. The high and mighty of the land present a fearful and wonderful appearance on state occasions, and it is worth going far to be present on an occasion of this kind.

The Original Hearse.  
A hearse originally was a metal cage or spike fence with uprights for the reception of candles for illumination or the hanging of decorative draperies around a tomb or at a funeral.

Diamond of the First Water.  
A distinguished educator, poet and literary man called in the day or two ago and uttered a sentiment which will awaken a response in thousands of hearts and minds. The air of the man, as he uttered the almost incredible statement, that of a person who had discovered a diamond of the first water. He were his words: "I have a great gem which I have just discovered. The Christian Advocate.

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